

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Richard B. Streeter
Serial No.: 10/022,951
Filing Date: 12/14/2001
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REPLACING
AORTIC VALVE
Group Art Unit: 3731
Examiner: Bradford C. Pantuck
Attorney's Docket No.: VIA-15

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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed September 17, 2004 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from December 17, 2004 to February 17, 2005.

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